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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY SYSTEMS
FOUNDATION (CSF), ZAIRE NUTRITION PROGRAM

REFERENCE: KINSHASA 10869

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFERENCE AS FOLLOWS:

A. RECENT AUDIT OF CSF FOUND OVERHEAD RATE OF 37.5 PERCENT FOR DIRECT SALARIES SATISFACTORY. IT WAS FINAL NEGOTIATED RATE. THE 41.9 PERCENT OF DIRECT SALARIES APPEARS TO BE REASONABLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTIMATING FOR FRINGE BENEFIT TYPE COSTS. CSF'S ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR CPFF CONTRACT IS ACCEPTABLE.

B. ALTHOUGH CSF IS A NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION THEY HAVE HAD FEES PAID ON CONTRACTS IN THE PAST. THE MOST RECENT
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RATE WAS APPROXIMATELY 3 PERCENT.

C. BLANKET WAIVER GRANTED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES CANNOT BE ENLARGED TO COVER ZAIRE WITHOUT KNOWING THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY LOCAL LAW OR CUSTOM. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A REQUEST TO BE MADE FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT AND THIS WOULD BE FASTER THAN A BLANKET WAIVER FOR ALL CONTRACTS.

FORMS ARE BEING POUCHED THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR THIS PURPOSE. INFORMATION NEEDED NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

D. NO REVIEW HAS BEEN MADE OF CSF'S PERSONNEL POLICIES.

E. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLEARANCE NOT REQUIRED ON A HOST COUNTRY CONTRACT. KISSINGER

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